

**Infection Prevention and Control
November 19, 2008**



Committee Minutes for

The Infection Prevention and Control Committee convened at the Arizona Department of Health Services, 150 North 18th Avenue, 4th Floor ALS Training Room, Phoenix, Arizona. A quorum being present, Don Herrington, as the Director's designee, called the meeting to order at 2:14 pm.

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Barbara J. Allgood
Patty Gray
Michael A. Dietrich
Judy Downs
Diane Kubala
Christine Ellis
Dr. Dan Aspery
Clare Kioski
Dina Capek
Ken Komatsu
Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine
Don Herrington

Guests present

Dr. Cara Christ
Ms. Shoana Anderson
Ms. Laura Erhart
Ms. Claire Ogden
Ms. Vjollca Berisha

Call to Order

Mr. Herrington called the meeting to order and provided updates to information concerning the web site.

Review and Acceptance of October 15, 2008 minutes

Mr. Herrington asked if time were needed to review the minutes from the previous meeting or if there was a need to make any corrections. Hearing no expressed need, Mr. Herrington asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes. Ms. Diane Kubala moved for the approval of the minutes and Ms. Judy Downs seconded the motion. Upon vote by the committee, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Review of Arizona Activities in Infection Prevention and Control

Ms. Patty Gray provided an excellent presentation on Arizona activities in infection prevention and control. The presentation can be viewed by clicking the following link - [AZ Infection Control Presentation 11.19.08](#)

Introductions of Committee Members

Mr. Herrington noticed that there were two members of the committee present that had not been able to attend the first meeting. He asked that everyone introduce themselves. All those present either in person or by teleconference briefly provided an introduction to the group.

Review of Healthcare-Associated Infections Compendium

Ms. Kioski provided an outstanding presentation on the Healthcare Associated Infections Compendium. The Compendium of practice recommendations was sponsored and authored by the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA). Partners in this work were the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), the Joint Commission, and the American Hospital Association (AHA).

Ms. Kioski's presentation sparked a conversation on whether or not the Compendium should be approved by the Committee for use in all hospitals within Arizona. The Committee, through a discussion, decided that a vote should not occur at this time, but that the Compendium could be recommended to hospitals as a resource. Further action or defining the role of the Compendium could possibly be considered upon completing the development of the Committee's scope or as part of supporting recommendations that will be made in the Committee's final report. The presentation can be viewed by clicking the following link – [HAI Compendium](#)

Discussion and Vote on Standard Definitions for Healthcare and Community Associated Infections

The purpose of the discussion was to determine the definitions that would be used during meetings to facilitate a common understanding among members of the Committee. Dr. Sunenshine made a motion that the Arizona Department of Health Services definitions (contained within Chapter 6 of the Arizona Administrative Code) be used for Community Associated Infections since it has been a standard used throughout the State, and that she was not aware of anything comparable to it. Ms. Gray also pointed out that these rules were very recently updated. Ms. Kioski seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

There are two prominent organizations that have developed definitions relative to healthcare associated infections, the National Quality Forum (NQF) and the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). A discussion took place as to the merits or shortcomings of each. During the discussion it was noted that the NHSN definitions were specifically for acute care and would also work for long-

term care facilities. It was also noted that the NHSN definitions had been published this year. At the conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Kioski made a motion to use the National Healthcare Safety Network definitions as our Committee's common source of reference. Ms. Downs seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion of Agenda and Logistics for Next Meeting

The committee discussed the next meeting's agenda and set the scope of the Committee as the primary agenda item through a vote of the Committee. Dr. Sunenshine made a motion to have the scope as the primary agenda item. Ms. Downs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Other topics listed as agenda items included development of a table shell for use in comparing and contrasting efforts made by other states exploring this topic prior to Arizona, and the possibility of obtaining a speaker from the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC). If we are unable to obtain a speaker from APIC, the agenda will contain a discussion about methods of parsing out data sources to committee members for review and presentation at later meetings. The next meeting will be December 17, 2008, at the Arizona Department of Health Services, 150 N. 18th Avenue, Room 540A. The meeting will be held from 2:00 – 4:00pm. The call in number will remain the same for those members unable to attend in person.

Call to the Public

There was a call to the public, but no one from the public remained at the meeting.

Next Meeting / Adjournment:

The next meeting will be December 17, 2008 at 2:00 - 4:00 pm. The location of the meeting will be the Arizona Department of Health Services, 150 N. 18th Avenue, Room 540A.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.